



## SPLASH-N-DASH

### Stayton Family Memorial Pool

January 2010



## JANUARY HEADLINES RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR



### The Certified Pool Operator (CPO) Says:

*Did you know...*

Five years ago the Stayton pool switched over to a Salt/Chlorine generating system which most everyone was excited about and enjoyed. In those 5 years the maintenance issues have grown dramatically. When you combine iron pipes with salt the pipes don't react well. There is an example of this in the entry area at the pool which I'm sure you all have seen. Also in the spring of 2009 the transformers for the salt system started to fail. They were removed from the facility and shipped back to the company where they were made and repaired then re-installed. This repair lasted approximately 4 months. To make a long story short, we needed to look for a new system. Salt systems are very expensive so when a request for bid was drawn up it was to include looking at other types of systems as well, these bids came in at up to \$40,00.00. A chlorine system was bid at \$500.00 (yes this is the right amount I did not leave out any "zero's - Five Hundred). This System is being used by many other Municipal Pools in the area as well as the newly built Kroc Center.

Every pool is required by the Health Dept. to maintain a free chlorine level of between 1.0 and 5.0 ppm. Even when we were using the salt system we maintained this level. The main benefit of salt is the softness or "silkeness" of the water. Salt has of late been losing favor even for treating residential hard water because it is polluting the water table raising the salinity. There are eco friendly softeners that can be used and we are *going to be looking into its application possibilities at the pool. So if you have not realized it yet, we have not been using salt since September 2009.*

PS: The pool temperature is normally maintained at 86 to 87 degrees. On January 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> the temperature was at 83.5 and 83.3 respectively. I'm working on it....

Steve White

## Friends of the Pool Segment

The first meeting of Friends of the Pool was on Friday, January 8. There were 24 people in attendance, with each person sharing their connection to the pool and what aspects they valued most.

Rebekah, our pool manager, shared her wish list of projects that could use support through community fund raising. Friends of the Pool will be involved in public relations for the pool and fund-raising for projects outside the scope of the regular budget. Jim Templin and Zeke Coleman pledged the support of Kiwanis, as they already provide swim lessons for local 3rd grade students. Mike Aus, with the Santiam Community Endowment, will help our new group attain non-profit status.

We all agreed that the pool is a wonderful asset to this community. We will meet again in March probably at the library. Definite dates will be posted at the pool as soon as they are confirmed. All are welcomed to participate in this group.

If you have any questions you can contact Mary Wallace at 503-767-3263.

Mary Wallace

## Important Dates

- Jan 13: Swim Meet 3:00-7:00pm No Night OPEN SWIM
- Jan 22: Pool will be CLOSED for REPAIRS
- Feb 1: Reminder, to come to the appropriate class & times for your pool activity
- Feb 2: Swim Lesson Sign-Up: @ 8:00am
- Feb 15/16: Start of Swim Lessons
- Friends of the Pool: Please contact Mary Wallace for more info 503-767-3263

## Comments from the Lifeguard Chair:

Stop, Look and Listen  
to the Whistle !!!

